

London Councils: Young People's Education & Skills – Operational Sub-Group

London Young People's Education & Skills Strategy

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Summary	This paper proposes to members an indicative timeline for consulting on a strategy and vision to 2015 for full participation in London.
Recommendations	London Councils YPES members are asked to discuss the timeline with a view to making a recommendation to the Young People's Education & Skills Board meeting on 24 May 2011.

1. Background and Introduction

- 1.1 London Councils published *Choice, Support, Success; priorities for 16-19 education and learning in London 2011/12* in November 2010. This recognised the significant shift in education policy following the election of the new coalition government, along with further changes in the management of 16-19 funding announced in the summer of 2010.
- 1.2 It was acknowledged that the intention to produce a five-year strategy for 14-19 education and learning, as envisaged in 2009, was no longer appropriate.
- 1.3 Subsequently, through policy announcements and the Education Bill, a clearer policy landscape has emerged. In particular, the confirmation of the Government's commitment to raising the participation age (RPA) to 17 in 2013 and 18 in 2015, provides additional certainty to the context in which a strategy and vision for 14-19 education and learning in London can be formulated.

2. Consultation

- 2.1 It is proposed that London Councils embarks on a process of consultation with a view to producing a strategy and vision for young people's education and skills in London. In order for there to be a proper period of consultation and for the strategy to be informed by the work of local authorities in terms of their Strategic Overview and RPA plans, it is envisaged that this activity will take in the region of 12 months.

- 2.2 This will necessitate the production of a refreshed Regional Statement of Priorities in the autumn of 2011.
- 2.3 The indicative timeline is attached as Appendix 1 for discussion.
- 2.4 It is still the intention that the strategy is driven by the ambitions expressed in *Choice, Support, Success*:

“Working together and in partnership with colleges, schools and providers, London’s local government is uniquely placed to enable choice, provide support where it is needed most and ensure continued improvements in achievements, employability and success of London’s young people.”

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 London Councils YPES members are asked to discuss the timeline with a view to making a recommendation to the Young People’s Education & Skills Board meeting on 24 May 2011.

Appendix 1: Commissioning & Shaping 16-18 Provision 2011/12 and Consulting on a Strategy & Vision linked to Full Participation

Timeline	YPLA Elements	Local Authority Elements	London Councils (YPES) Elements
April 2011	YPLA provides local authority narrative on learning infrastructure		
May 2011	YPLA provides local authority narratives on learner achievement and progression		24 th May YPES Board meeting – agreement to consult
June 2011	YPLA provides local authority narratives on participation		9 th June - LA Forum & 10 th June – OSG (Broad input on the content of the vision and strategy to 2015, linked to full participation)
July 2011			22 nd July – OSG (Further input on the content of the vision and strategy to 2015, linked to full participation)
August 2011			Research the evidence base underpinning the consultation Development of the web-based consultation tools
September 2011	Review of Minimum Levels of Performance (MLPs) by YPLA and local authorities	Local authorities use the data provided by the YPLA and local intelligence to develop a Strategic Overview for education and training provision for their residents. Informed by this data, local authorities engage with neighbouring local authorities and with schools, academies, colleges and other providers to establish key changes to priorities and infrastructure gaps in provision and the need for new providers where required.	2 nd September – OSG (Further input on the content of the vision and strategy to 2015, linked to full participation) 30 th September – Production of London overview of the YPLA local authority narratives

		Local authorities prepare their plans to achieve full participation by 2015.	
October 2011			<p>13th October - LA Forum 14th October - OSG – Regional view of LA Strategic Overviews and RPA plans</p> <p>Draft consultation document produced by 30th October</p>
November 2011	Revised MLPs are published by the YPLA.	<p>Local authorities will inform all providers and the YPLA of the needs identified in their area.</p> <p>Local authorities will inform all providers and the YPLA of potential new provision, infrastructure changes and agreed redistribution of learner numbers.</p> <p>Review of MLPs by YPLA and local authorities.</p>	<p>8th November – YPES Board: Discuss and agree modifications to the draft consultation document</p> <p>25th November – OSG: Discuss the consultation timetable</p>
December 2011	The YPLA issues a funding statement confirming budget.		
December 2011-February 2012	<p>The YPLA uses data alongside information provided by local authorities to calculate provisional provider allocations. The first step will be an allocation of learner numbers and the final funding rate will be set later in the process.</p> <p>The YPLA exchanges information with providers.</p>	Local authorities receive information on provisional allocations to providers.	<p>3rd January – Commence 12 week consultation (to 27th March) on vision and strategy to 2015, linked to full participation</p> <p>6th January & 21st February – OSG (Receive progress reports on the consultation)</p>

March 2012	The YPLA confirms the final funding rate and final allocations to providers.	(Subject to the government's response to The James Review) local authorities will have facilitated a provider review of buildings and agreement on the Local Investment Plan	<p>6th March – YPES Board (Receives update on the consultation)</p> <p>27th March – Consultation ends</p> <p>30th March – OSG (Discuss initial findings of the consultation)</p> <p>31st March – end of current period of confirmed funding for YPES</p>
April 2012			30 th April – Produce report on the consultation
May – August 2012	<p>The YPLA (or EFA) issues funding agreements / contracts to organisations either directly or through the lead contact, which are required to be signed and returned by the funded organisation.</p> <p>Data for 2013/14 provider planning and local authority overviews becomes available.</p>		31 st May – Publish the vision and strategy to 2015, linked to full participation
August 2012	Payment commences for the academic year through the lead contact organisation where applicable.		